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>From ???@??? Thu Dec 9 21:41:02 2004 -0600  
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 21:38:37 CST  
From: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: BOATANCHORS digest 3738  
Message-Id: <20041210033838.B83FF215AFF@srvr1.theporch.com>

BOATANCHORS Digest 3738

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- 13) Re: [Milsurplus] Navy BG  
by William Donzelli <aw288@osfn.org>
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by "Arden Allen" <gumbear@pacbell.net>
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by "Tom Rauch" <w8ji@contesting.com>

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Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 08:07:28 -0600 (CST)  
From: Bob Roehrig <broehrig@aurora.edu>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

cc: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Re: Last date of telegraph  
Message-ID: <Pine.OSF.4.58.0412090805510.426279@mail.aurora.edu>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Wed, 8 Dec 2004, Tom Rauch wrote:

> Anyone happen to know the last year telegraph (the kind  
> using sounders) was used in the USA?  
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> I have a Signal Telegraph Instrument sounder 112-S new in  
> box and I'm trying to get an idea of the date.

I recall reading that it was in the 1980's (maybe 1983) and the it was on  
a railroad in Wisconsin (I think between Milwaukee and Minneapolis). I can  
find it for sure tonight.

Bob Roehrig  
Aurora University    Telecom dept.  
broehrig@aurora.edu    73 de K9EUI  
630-844-4898    fax 630-844-4222  
"Nostalgia is a thing of the past"

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Content-class: urn:content-classes:message  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
          charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable  
Subject: FW: Last date of telegraph  
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 09:42:13 -0600  
Message-ID: <C2E12B15D2CA56409ED5354B2AA78B0D01AE40F7@eecsmail.eecs.local>  
From: "AB Bonds" <ab@vuse.vanderbilt.edu>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

My Grandpaw was a telegrapher for the Missouri Pacific railroad in =  
Benton and Prescott, Arkansas. He used a sounder in his office until =  
the day he retired in 1955. I recall him transcribing orders via the =  
telegraph, then folding them and putting them between a pair of strings =  
stretched between the ends of a forked stick. He would wander outside, =  
stand by the tracks and hold the stick up. As the engine went by (at =  
some thing like 40 mph) the orders would disappear.

Further I know not.

A. B. Bonds

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Message-ID: <000701c4ddfd\$0373c680\$0200a8c0@edsieb>  
From: "Edward Sieb" <esieb@sympatico.ca>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Cc: <ab@vuse.vanderbilt.edu>  
Subject: RE: Last date of telegraph  
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 09:40:21 -0500  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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> by (at some thing like 40 mph) the orders would disappear.

This was called "hooping up orders". That "forked stick" is called a hoop, and some "hoops" are just that, a long stick formed in a hoop, and the orders are placed in the end where the hoop curls against the stick. The hoop allows the engineer or conductor to grasp the hoop with his arm, and drop it on the ground once the orders are taken.

I too have some NIB Western Electric sounders that I purchased from a surplus store in Plattsburgh, in upper NY State, back in the mid-seventies.

Ed, VA3ES

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Message-ID: <001201c4de1a\$41ca27e0\$414e9844@dell4100>  
From: "Ken Hickman" <n5cm@rtconline.com>

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Fw: Last date of telegraph  
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 12:09:42 -0600  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

----- Original Message -----

From: "Ken Hickman" <n5cm@rtconline.com>  
To: <esieb@sympatico.ca>  
Sent: Thursday, December 09, 2004 11:35 AM  
Subject: Re: Last date of telegraph

: Hi Gang,  
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: The station agent/telegrapher wrote the train orders  
: with carbon copy. He used slim willow saplings to  
: make the loops. A clothespin was afixed to the loops  
: and the train orders were secured in the clothespins.  
: Back then, the conductor, in the caboose, had no  
: comm with the engineer so both had to have a copy  
: of the train orders.  
: I don't remember when the RR my dad worked for  
: put in "carrier current radio" communications but  
: when they did, the telegraph circuits were phased out.  
: They cut the agent/telegrapher's salary to half because  
: he did not use his telegraph abilities. Every train order  
: came via the carrier current phone.  
: Incidentally, when the lines were down, the telegraphy  
: circuits were interrupted but when carrier-current was  
: instituted, the radio signals would jump the gap in the  
: lines.  
: The carrier current operated at a very low frequency.  
: FWIW,  
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: Ken N5CM  
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From: W7QH0@aol.com  
Message-ID: <15a.458c1a89.2ee9ff08@aol.com>  
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 14:18:32 EST

Subject: Navy BG  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: multipart/alternative;  
boundary="part1\_15a.458c1a89.2ee9ff08\_boundary"

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Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

All,

Got a line on a couple of Navy BG radios, appear to be complete (xmitter, receiver, PS and cabinet). From what I can find out these would appear to be the ground or ship mounted part of an early IFF system. Anyone know more and/or interested in collecting this stuff. Heavy (about 600 lbs. each).

Dennis D. W7QH0  
Glendale, CA

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\* This post contains a forbidden message format \*  
\* (such as an attached file, a v-card, HTML formatting) \*  
\* Mail Lists at theporch.com only accept PLAIN TEXT \*  
\* If your postings display this message your mail program \*  
\* is not set to send PLAIN TEXT ONLY and needs adjusting \*  
\* \* \* \* \*

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Message-ID: <00a101c4de24\$c5c70540\$905b62d8@barry1>  
From: "Dr. Barry L. Ornitz" <ornitz@tricon.net>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Fw: Which begs the question...  
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 14:22:53 -0500  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
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To: "Tom Rauch" <w8ji@contesting.com>; "Old Tube Radios" <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 09, 2004 1:45 PM

Subject: Re: Which begs the question...

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> high voltage power supplies under fault conditions. In this he  
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Message-ID: <41B8B7B2.9000109@erols.com>  
Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 15:38:10 -0500  
From: David Jordan <wa3gin@erols.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
CC: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Re: Fw: Which begs the question...  
Content-Type: multipart/alternative;  
boundary="-----070607050205070408020006"

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Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Doc., It may be time to call Geeks-on-Wheels!

I'm running Symantec on 3500+ machines. Not having the problems you describe.

My subjective opinion is based on almost four years of use with Novell, then through a migration to Windows 98, then 2000 and finally XP and Exchange 2003 for the over 100 servers also running Symantec ...

Also, during that time, not one successful virus infection. I'm averaging about 2500 virus detections a week.

Is there any possibility of cockpit errors at your end?

Good Luck with your next vendor for anti-virus protection! I think you'll be hard pressed to find a better vendor than Symantec.

To the Ladies and Gentlemen of "Boatanchors" I am SOrry for the off topic response. But I hate to see a good product denegraded in a public forum without reasonable justification. I'll try to get a grip on myself and refrain from further off topic comments.

Seasons Greetings and remember to ensure that those new PCs under the XMAS tree won't get connected to the Internet until they have a firewall and anti-virus installed.

Today the average PC connected to the Internet, without protection, survives less than 20 minutes before it's infected!

73,  
dave  
wa3gin

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Message-ID: <41B8BE47.4060506@internap.com>  
Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 16:06:15 -0500  
From: John Shriver <jshriver@internap.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Re: Fw: Which begs the question...  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1; format=flowed  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

My impression is that Symantec only bought Peter Norton's company for the name, not to preserve his quality and attention to detail. He is not associated with Symantec, not an employee. He sold out.

I have had continuing problems with Personal Firewall breaking perfectly good sites, like the MIT Libraries catalog, and photo.net. There were comments from the site maintainers at photo.net that it was a "known bug" in Personal Firewall 2003.

I also had spectacular problems (unbootable machine) when I first installed Symantec Anti-Virus. They knew about the problem, it was in their knowledge base for over 9 months. But they didn't update the CDs, nor did they install the patch when I ran Live Update at install time. "Let them suffer" seems to be the motto.

The support I have received via the online support was abominable. Each time I explained the Personal Firewall problem, and the response came back from some outsourced support person in India (obvious from the name) telling me to use some menu or option that simply DID NOT EXIST in the program. After three go arounds, with the second and third pointing out to them that they were giving me garbage responses, I gave up in disgust. It was also obvious that they were not actually trying to USE the product to access the site in question. (I suspect that they don't give Internet access to the call center, to keep them from wasting time on the Internet.) Clearly the goal of the outsourced support operation is to deflect customers as swiftly as possible, rather than solve their problems. Perhaps if I was willing to pay for support (more than I paid for the software), I might actually have gotten support which resolved the problem. But that is disgusting!

I have also been frustrated by the CPU load of the Symantec programs (AntiVirus and Personal Firewall). They easily triple the boot time of Windows.

There are far more professionally implemented and maintained anti-virus

suites. But they don't add the pointless bells and whistles that are used to compete in "PC Magazine" ratings contests. Instead they focus on a simple stable product. They also only focus on corporate sales, since it is expensive to support "end users". Products like Sophos. But I can't buy them (practically).

I will concur that my machine has never been infested. The Symantec/NortonAnti-Virus software has detected viruses in e-mail attachments. But, we also practice safe computing, and Windows 2000 is installed in a secure mode (the user accounts cannot install or modify any software).

By the way, anyone who is running Internet Explorer on a Windows machine (other than on Windows XP with Service Pack 2), and hasn't been to Windows Update since December 1, go there now an update. There is a huge vulnerability in Internet Explorer (IFRAMES/BOFRA) which is being widely exploited, and you would most likely NOT be protected by AntiVirus or Personal Firewall programs.

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Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 08:31:10 +1100  
From: Morris Odell <morriso@vifm.org>  
Subject: We're not alone  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Message-id: <D02380C06383C847B2282343465930BE02DD83@my.vifp.monash.edu.au>  
MIME-version: 1.0  
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content-class: urn:content-classes:message

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Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT  
Content-disposition: inline  
content-class: urn:content-classes:message

Hi all,

Not all that OT, here is an amusing article from a country from where I suspect we don't have any members (excuse the convoluted grammar):

<http://context.themoscowtimes.com/stories/2004/12/03/102.html>

I like the bit about "...the common stereotype that all radio hams are hooligans and other rabble..."

73 de Morris VK3DOC

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The information in this message and in any attachments may be confidential. If you are not the intended recipient of this message, you must not read, forward, disclose, or use in any way the information this message or any attachment contains. If you are not the intended recipient, please notify the sender immediately and delete or destroy all copies of this message and any attachments.

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Message-ID: <41B8C552.3070302@pacbell.net>  
Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 13:36:18 -0800  
From: Dan Arney <hankarn@pacbell.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
CC: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Re: Fw: Which begs the question...  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1; format=flowed  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I have had great luck with Computer Assoc. EZ anti virus  
Hank  
KN6DI

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From: Gary Woods <garygarlic@earthlink.net>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Re: We're not alone  
Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 17:14:54 -0500  
Message-ID: <cijhr0pvsnuvvtoc6lq0i8nrui4jaen05r@4ax.com>  
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On Fri, 10 Dec 2004 08:31:10 +1100, you wrote:

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But... but.... most of the hams I know \_are\_!

Gary Woods AKA K2AHC- PGP key on request, or at home.earthlink.net/~garygarlic  
Zone 5/6 in upstate New York, 1420' elevation. NY WO G

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No virus found in this outgoing message.

Checked by AVG Anti-Virus.

Version: 7.0.289 / Virus Database: 265.5.0 - Release Date: 12/9/2004

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David et al,

I initially called my ISP about the disconnections from the server. They said they have had several other calls about these in the last few days, all from people running Norton Anti-virus. They said turn off virus checking on incoming and outgoing mail. I was hesitant to turn it off on incoming mail, but turning it off on the outgoing portion cleared the problem. Symantec has released several updates in the last week and I suspect they are the cause of the problems. I checked their website and help database and they claim there may be an interference between Norton and my Sygate personal firewall. Funny, I have never had problems until this last two days. Making the suggested changes to the firewall did NOT fix the problems. Turning off outgoing mail checking allowed the email to be sent again. I get the same disconnects with Outlook, Outlook Express, and MailWasher.

And while this is off-topic for the group (note that I am not quoting irrelevant portions of your post as Jack asks us all to do), one of the first rules of troubleshooting computers is to suspect any newly installed software first. Nothing has been changed on this system except for the several automatic updates of Norton in the past week. I never saw the problem before two days ago, and several others have written me since my post about new problems they are having with Norton too (but not the same as mine).

I don't remember when I bought my first Norton product, but I think it was around 18 years ago, well before the Symantec connection. These days they have gotten a little greedy in my opinion, expecting you to buy every Norton product so they will work together. In the past, I thought it worth the money to buy anti-virus software, but the free products of Adaware, MailWasher, Sygate and others worked just fine. A number of corporations are using MacAfee anti-virus these days, and Hotmail chose them too. I am sure there are valid reasons for doing so, and I may do so soon.

For obligatory Boatanchors content, troubleshooting old radios differs quite a bit from person to person. Some pull out the tube testers first, others begin with voltage and resistance checks for every socket pin. I grab the schematic first and decide which stage(s) can produce the symptoms I am seeing. I also use one of my several oscilloscopes long before I ever make any voltmeter measurements. And a tube tester is, in my opinion, only useful when bulk testing of hamfest tubes.

73, Barry      WA4VZQ      ornitz@tricon.net

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Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 17:29:38 -0500 (EST)  
From: William Donzelli <aw288@osfn.org>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
cc: milsurplus@mailman.qth.net, boatanchors@theporch.com  
Subject: Re: [Milsurplus] Navy BG  
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.4.20.0412091727340.11778-100000@osfn.org>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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> Got a line on a couple of Navy BG radios, appear to be complete (xmitter,  
> receiver, PS and cabinet). From what I can find out these would appear to be  
> the ground or ship mounted part of an early IFF system.

MK IV. The other end of all of those ABA-1 and SCR-515 (BC-645) sets.

> Anyone know more  
> and/or interested in collecting this stuff. Heavy (about 600 lbs. each).

I have one, but for some reason someone ripped it off its shockmount base.

Let me think about it.

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Message-ID: <002b01c4de65\$a58904e0\$b3e47443@KB6NAX>  
From: "Arden Allen" <gumbear@pacbell.net>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Which begs another question...  
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 19:09:15 -0800  
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Funny you should mention this, Barry. I now recognize in my enfeeblement we  
are well into the POST LITERARY AGE. I was raised in a radio hobby of  
books, magazines and special publications fluently teaching the art and  
science of radio and electronics. My military experience was one of  
publications filled with comprehensive theory and maintenance instructions  
for the equipment I worked on. But not anymore. Greedy manufacturers of  
expensive and complex equipment secrete any information useful to one  
wanting to make repairs to their equipment. And to top it off, I'm seeing  
what the capability of young technician entrants into the industrial  
electronics world are capable of. They don't know how to use ohms law,  
can't tell the difference between NPN and PNP transistors, and become  
catatonic when asked to check a 208 volt outlet for correct wiring.  
Television and computers have done the job to a fairtheewell of robbing  
today's youth of any hope of enjoying such an intricate, challenging and  
rewarding hobby as ours. The poor buggers don't understand a shred of what  
you are talking about!

Arden Allen  
KB6NAX

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Message-ID: <006d01c4de69\$b7775540\$6601a8c0@akorn.net>  
From: "Tom Rauch" <w8ji@contesting.com>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Re: Which begs another question...  
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 22:38:30 -0500  
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If you think that's scary, try to get them to show up to  
work 40 hours a week.

73 Tom

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